

AN ORDINANCE

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AS SUBSTITUTED BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 30-31 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL BUSINESS LICENSES ISSUED TO A PERSON OWNING, OPERATING OR MANAGING ANY BUSINESS LOCATED IN THE CITY TO INCLUDE EMERGENCY CODES FOR THE BUSINESS LOCATION; AND TO REQUIRE A BUSINESS LICENSE HOLDER TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR ANY EXPENSE INCURRED AS A RESULT OF A LICENSEE'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE CURRENT INFORMATION ON SECURITY MEASURES, EMERGENCY CODES OR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION; AND OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the code of ordinances currently requires applicants to provide information for security measures, and persons to be notified in the event of an emergency, but that information is not readily accessible to police; and

WHEREAS, business owners routinely fail to keep this information current, which has resulted in the expenditure of resources by the city; and

WHEREAS, business licenses are required to be posted on the premises of a business in a conspicuous location; and

WHEREAS, having emergency codes and contact information included on the business license will place this information on the scene and readily accessible to the police and other emergency response personnel; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the City Council that requiring the licensees to reimburse the city for cost incurred by their failure to keep information current will encourage licensees to provide updated information in a timely manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA:

SECTION 1

That section 30-31, which currently states:

Sec. 30-31. Notice to police of security measures and emergency contacts.

(a) All persons owning, operating or managing any business located in the city shall furnish to the department of police information necessary to indicate the security measures located at the business and the persons to be notified if an emergency occurs at the business. This information shall be kept current by the owner of the business.

(b) Every person applying for a new license to operate or manage a business shall be required, at the time of the application, to furnish the information required in subsection (a) of this section and to keep the information current.

(c) Every person owning, operating or managing a business shall be furnished by the department of police an emergency decal containing a coded number, and the owner, operator or manager of the business shall place the decal at least five feet above the ground level in the most conspicuous location as close as possible to the main entrance of the business.

(d) The department of police shall enforce compliance with this section.

is amended by deleting said section and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 30-31. Notice to police of security measures and emergency contacts.

(a) All persons owning, operating or managing any business located in the city shall furnish to the department of police information necessary to indicate the security measures located at the business, **all emergency codes** and the persons to be notified if an emergency occurs at the business. This information shall be kept current by the owner of the business.

(b) Every person applying for a new license to operate or manage a business shall be required, at the time of the application, to furnish the information required in subsection (a) of this section and to keep the information current, **and such information shall be included on the business license.**

(c) Every person owning, operating or managing a business shall be furnished by the department of police an emergency decal containing a coded number, and the owner, operator or manager of the business shall place the decal at least five feet above the ground level in the most conspicuous location as close as possible to the main entrance of the business.

(e) The department of police shall enforce compliance with this section.

(f) **A licensee shall be required to reimburse the city for any expense incurred as a result of a failure to keep current the information required in subsection (a) of this section.**

SECTION 2

That all ordinances or parts or ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.